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TOP SECRET 1 APPENDIX G 2 MACSOG CUMMUNICATIONS 3 PART I. INTRODUCTION 4 (AS) BACKGROUND <u>5</u> This Appendix contains a record of MACSOG's communications <u>6</u> net development including an accounting of the procedures of 7 (b)(1) operations with the clandestine agent communications (p)(3) 8 network. 9 B. (TS) SCOPE <u>10</u> Since detailed documentary matter relating to the early <u>11</u> development of MACSOG communications no longer exists in command 12 files, COMUSMACV Command Histories from 1964 to 1968 are used as the main sources of reference in compiling this record. Further, $\frac{13}{2}$ 14 this Appendix is arranged in yearly sequence basis in order that <u>15</u> the steps involved in establishing a communications network for 16 a MACSOG type military operation can be more clearly followed. <u>17</u> 18 <u> 19</u> 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 <u>27</u> 28 <u>29</u> 30 31

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PART II. 1964 HISTORY <u>1</u> 2 (ATS) Prior to the establishment of MACSOG, 3 (b)(1) (p)[3] 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 2. (DS) Following the establishment of MACSOG, in the J-5 section 11of COMUSMACV, in January 1964, one of the unresolved problems 12 related to the amount of communications support CAS would provide 13 MACSOG. 14 (b)(t) (P)(3) <u>15</u> 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 <u>24</u> <u>25</u> The military provided: 26 <u>27</u> Operational/administrative circuits for MACSOG's use <u>28</u> from COMUSMACV headquarters to Naval Advisory Group (NAD), Danang, Airborne Training Center, Camp Long Thanh, American 30 Embassy, Saigon, and Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon. <u>31</u> MACSOG Communications/Electronic Instructions, dated 21 Nov 68.

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(2) Maintenance of MAROPS equipment and radio operators	<u>1</u>	
proficiency.	2	
(3) Cryptographic support.	<u> 3</u>	
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b. Assumed the responsibility for the mission briefing of	<u>9</u>	
MAROPS and flight crew communicators.	10	
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d. Assumed the responsibility for communications logistic	<u>13</u>	
support.	14	
B. (FS) CIPCUITRY	<u>15</u>	
1. (75) At the end of 1964, TTY circuits had been established for MACGOG's use from Saigon to NAD, Danang and First Flight Detachment,		
Nha Trang.		
2. (T8) The MACSOG single sideband (SSB) net included SOG Head-	<u>18</u> 19	
quarters, Camp Long Thanh, First Flight Detachment, Nha Trang,	20	
and NAD, Danang.		(b)(1)
and may be an	22	(b)(3)
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3. (PS) Unsecure telephone voice hotlines were established between		
MACSOG Headquarters, Camp Long Thanh, and Tan Son Nhut Air Base.	25	
C. (DS) SIGNAL PLANS	<u> 26</u>	
MIDRIFF air missions, in late 1964, were supported by plans	<u>27</u>	
which were originated in the Air Studies Branch of MACSOG.	28	(b)(t)
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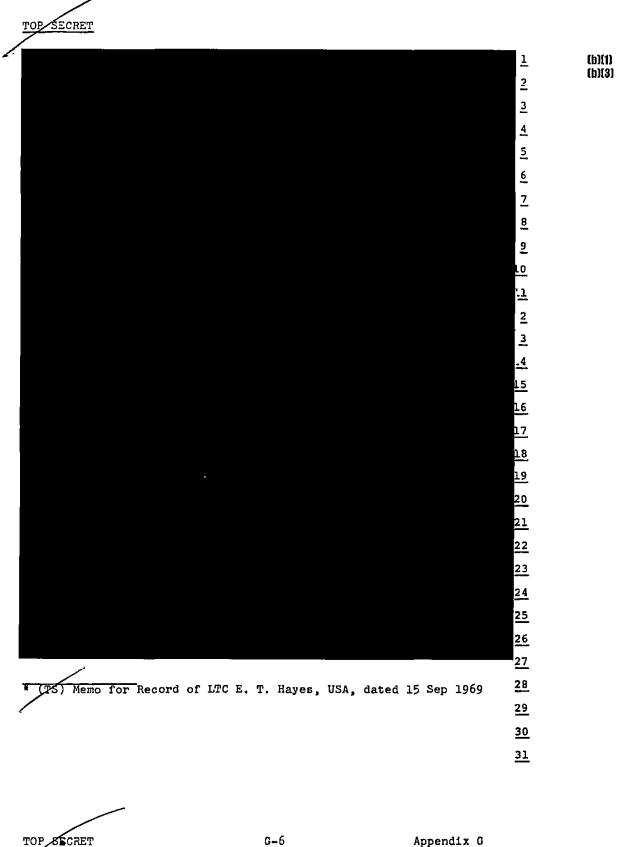
TOP SECRET (b)(1) <u>1</u> (b)(3) 2 3 4 6 7 8 D. (PS) CRYPTOGRAPHY 9 Literal one-time pads for agent team encryption were furnished 10 through CAS, Saigon. No other FOOTBOY crypto requirements were <u>11</u> necessary during this period.* 12 E. (75) PERSONNEL 13 The military section of SOG communications was originally 14 conceived as a staff planning organization with a Joint Table 15 of Distribution (JTD) of two officers and two enlisted men 16 established. Temporary duty personnel were required to operate <u>17</u> MACSOG radio circuitry. These temporary duty personnel were pro-18 vided by MACV J-1 until permanent personnel were assigned to MACSOG ** 19 20 21 <u>22</u> 23 <u>24</u> <u>25</u> 26 <u>27</u> 28 MACSOG Communications Briefing Notes, undated <u>29</u> MACSOG Communications Officer ltr of 1 July 1964, Subj: SOG Communications Brief <u>30</u> 31

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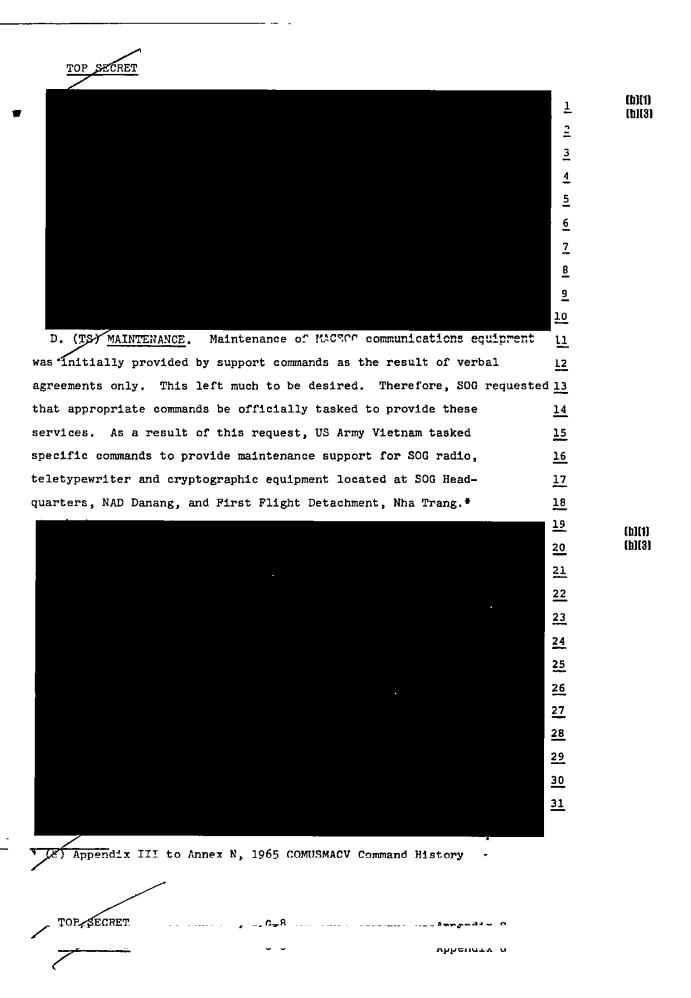
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SECRET CIRCUITRY <u>1</u> Three additional TTY circuits were established within the 2 3 MACSOG communications network in 1965. These circuits provided a multipoint with 4 direct communications with Clark Air Base; / Command and Control off the NAD circuit; (C&C) Detachment, Danang/ and Forward Operating Base (FOB), Phu Bai. <u>5</u> 6 2.(D8)An SSB net, utilizing DWM-2A radios, was established between 2 SOG Headquarters, Camp Long Thanh, First Flight Detachment, Nha Trang, and NAD, Danang in early 1965. Later in the year, this net was 8 9 extended to include the newly activated C&C Detachment at Danang. History indicates that this C&C Detach- 10 The COMUSMACV 1965 Command ment was also provided with high frequency transmitters and 11 receivers in order to establish a base radio station for SHINING BRASS 12 operations. The FOBs at Kham Duc and Dak To were also added to the 13 14 SSB net with activation of KMW-2A equipment at these locations. 3.(D8) To support SHINING BRASS teams, AN/PRC-25 (FM) radios <u>15</u> 16 were procured as well as AN/PRC-64s for field-base use. The PRC-64 <u>17</u> was issued to replace the bulkier and heavier AN/GRC-109 radio. 18 SHINING BRASS communications between the C&C detachment, the 19 FOBs and launch sites consisted of CW and voice radio utilizing <u>20</u> one time pads or operations codes. Communications from the teams to 21 launch sites consisted of CW initially. As PRC-25s were introduced. 22 an FM voice capability between the team and base evolved by 23 utilizing forward air control (FAC) aircraft as relay points. high points in 24 Ground relay stations, established at sensitive areas inaccessible 25 to the enemy due to terrain features, were also activated to 26 assist the teams in communicating with their base. 27 4.(PS)Despite its heavy weight, agent teams in NVN continued to usa 28 the GRC-109 in 1965 as it was the only dependable equipment <u> 29</u> available to meet their long-term requirements. (PS) FACILITIES 30 31

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SECRET (b)(1) 7 (b)(3) 2 3 4 5 <u>6</u> 7 8 9 LO. 14 <u>15</u> F. (25) CRYPTOGRAPHY <u>16</u> 1.(25) The responsibility for providing agent teams with crypto-17 (b)(1) graphic material (one time pads) was transferred (p)(3) 18 Communications in December. After making arrangements with the 19 National Security Agency, SOG was provided two series of Diana 20 pads for issue to OPLAN 34A teams, SHINING BRASS personnel, and the STD for operations and training. In addition, one time pads, called Calypso, were furnished SOG for roadwatch reporting. In November, 23 Agent Team VERSE was the first team to infiltrate with this 24 roadwatch cryptographic material. These pads allowed roadwatch 25 teams to report contacts by four-digit groups based on numbered <u>26</u> flash cards. 27 2.(PS) The responsibility for decryption of agent team messages 28 was assigned to the STD in December. This change reduced the time 29 of decryption and the subsequent translation of messages received 30 from the field. SOG Communications continued to retain the responsibility of encrypting messages addressed to the agent teams.** (S) MACSOG Communications Briefing Notes, undated.
(S) Appendix III to Annex N, COMUSMACV Command History dated

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TOP SECRET (TSI) PERSONNEL The MACSOG JTD dated 15 October 1965 reflected the following personnel as being authorized for the SOG Communications Division. Grade Service Title 0-5 Navy Communications Officer 0-4 Air Force Operations/Plans Officer 0-3 E-8 Material/Security Officer Army Comm Center Supervisor Chief Radio Operator Field Radio Repairman Supv Field Radio Repairman Supv Air Force _ E-5(2 ea) Army E-6 Army E-5 Army E-6 Army Crypto Repairman Teletype Repairman Crypto Specialist Comm Center Specialist E-5 Army E-5 Army 10 E-4 Army E-3(2 ea) E-4(3 ea) Comm Center Specialist Army 11 Air Force Air Force E-4 Admin Spec <u>12</u> E-4(8 ea)Intermediate Speed Rad Oper Army <u>13</u> 14 <u>15</u> <u>16</u> 17 18 <u> 19</u> 20 <u>21</u> <u>22</u> 23 <u>24</u> <u>25</u> <u>26</u> <u>27</u>

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PART IV. 1966 HISTORY	
A. (TS) OPERATIONS	2
1.(75)During 1966, the MACSOG Cormunications Center transmitted	3
and received approximately 2,500 messages per month. Personnel	4
continued to encrypt messages by the one-time-pad method and pro-	5
vided technical assistance to senior officers while they were	5
monitoring operational missions.	7
2.(TE) Restoration priorities for the TTY circuits serving MACSOG	8
were originally on the priority 2 level. To preclude the SOG	9
circuit from being preempted, an agreement was worked out with COMUS-	. 0
MACV Communications whereby a 24-hour, 1d restoration priority	1
was assigned the SOG TTY circuity during the period operational	<u>.2</u>
missions were in progress.	<u>13</u>
3.(DE) A secure TTY pony circuity was activated between the SOG	14
Headquarters and the MACV J-6 Communications Center. This circuit	15
was used to pass:	<u>16</u>
a. "Immediate" and "flash" procedence outgoing traffic	17
originated by MACSOG.	18
b. "Immediate" and "flash" precedence traffic addressed	<u>19</u>
to MACSOG.	20
c. Highly perishable intelligence information to COMUSMACV	21
that had been received on the Project BUGS TTY circuit.	22
B. (78) FACILITIES AND CIRCUITRY	23
1.(FS) The Khe Sanh, Kontum and Phu Bai launch bases entered the	24
SOG SSB net in 1966.	25
2.(AS) Upon the activation of the Joint Personnel Recovery Center	26
(JPRC), a point-to-point secure voice facility between the JPRC	27
and the Joint Search and Rescue Center at Tan Son Nhut Air	28
Base was installed.	<u>29</u>
3.(FS) MACSOG Communications Division initiated a project which	<u>30</u>
would add a TTY alternate circuit from Danang Control to C&C	<u>31</u>
Detachment, Danang. The purpose of this new circuit was to give	
Danang Control a multi-point TTY capability and provide a higher	
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TTY reliability in the Danang area. Additionally, a RATT	1
net was in the process of being established between C&C	2
Detachment, Danang and associated FOBs and launch sites. At	3
the close of the year, the project was not completed due to	4
equipment procurement difficulties.	5
4. (78) Naval Shore Electronics Activity Pacific was tasked to	6
provide and install a TTY circuit between NAD, Danang and Cu	7
Lao Cham Island. The purpose of this circuit was to provide a	8
timely relay to SOG of perishable intelligence and psychological	9
operations information. The installation was not completed in	10
1966.	11
c. (T8) EQUIPMENT	12
1. (T8) When the Safe Area Activation Teams (SAAT) were organized	<u>13</u>
and began training in 1966, it was determined their communications	14
equipment would consist of PRC-71 and URC-10 radios.	<u>15</u>
These radios were diverted to SOG	16
from in-country sources and given the teams.	<u>17</u>
2. (75) During November and December 1966, 15 PRC-74 radios,	18
capable of CW and SSB voice transmission were received and	<u>19</u>
distributed to subordinate units within MACSOG.	20
3. (TS) The AN/PRT-4 and AN/PRR-9 squad radios were evaluated for	<u>21</u>
MACOSG's use, and it was determined they would be highly desirable	22
for field operations. Plans were made to divert a certain percentage	23
of these radios to SOG when they arrived in country.	24
4. (T8) A request was submitted for the VSC-2, jeep mounted radio	25
teletype (RATT) to fill the requirement for a secure RATT circuit	26
between C&C Detachment, Danang and the FOBs.	<u>27</u>
D. (28) SIGNAL PLANS	28
1. (TS) GADAZ tactical signal plans with operating instructions	29
were air dropped to agent teams in NVN, and at the close of the	30
year all but one team, VERSE, had GADAZ plans in their possession.	<u>31</u>

SECRET. (b)(f) <u>1</u> (b)[3) 2 3. (TS) The MACSOG Communications Division prepared a set of three 4 signal plans to be used by SAAT personnel equipped with the 5 PRC-71 radio. 6 (28) CRYPTOGRAPHY (PS) A brevity code was devised to furnish agent teams a secure method of passing brief messages by voice to observer aircraft. 8 9 A similar, but briefer, code was prepared for training and operational use by SAAT personnel. 10 requested 11 2. XTS) The National Security Agency developed a specially / . codé to support SHINING BRASS operations in December 1966. <u>12</u> code, KAC-199, appeared to be both versatile and secure by <u>13</u> 14 communication personnel, and plans were made to put it into use 15 in early 1967. F. (PS) TRAINING 16 1.(MS) It was determined that the newly organized SAAT required a $\frac{17}{2}$ 18 minimum CW communications capability in order to accomplish their <u>19</u> mission. In response to this need, the STD instituted an 11 <u>20</u> week CW operator's course at Camp Long Thanh, and the first class 21 was in the final week of training at the close of the year. 22 灰的As a means of keeping agent team radio operators proficient <u>23</u> in CW communications while waiting to be infiltrated, a refresher 24 training program for these personnel was instituted in 1966. (6)(1) 25 (p)(3) 26 27 28 <u> 29</u> 30 31 Appendix VIII to Annex M, 1966 COMUSMACV Command History.

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PART V. 1967 HISTORY Ĩ (TS) OPERATIONS 1. (TS) The communication activities of MACSOG expanded signifi-3 cantly in 1967 with the commencement of DANIEL ECONE operations. In 4 respect to communications support, these operations set a pattern similar to that of PRAIRIE FIRE. The PRAIRIE FIRE operations continued essentially as before with the exception of a RATT net which was 8 established to link C&C Detachment, Danang with all its FOBs and 9 launch sites. B. (28) FACILITIES AND CIRCUITRY 1. (TS) Nakhon Phanom, Dalat Training Camp, STRATA FOB, and the C-5 17 18 Detachment at Ho Ngoc Tau were added to the SSB net in 1967. 2.(25) A RATT circuit was established between NAD, Danang and Cu 20 Lao Cham Island. This circuit provided MACSOG a relay for <u>21</u> perishable intelligence and psychological operations information. 3.(TS) In October 1967, a secure, dedicated TTY circuit was acti- 22 <u>23</u> vated between SOG Communications Center and the DUCK HOOK facility 24 at Nakhon Phanom. A similar type circuit was also established <u>25</u> between the Center and Ban Me Thuot to handle DANIEL BOONE communi-26 cations. C. (DE) EQUIPMENT 27 shipped8 1.(TS) Six VSC-2s, a new tactical SSB radio, were received and / <u>29</u> to C&C Detachment, Danang for use on the C&C net. 2.(XS) Fifteen AN/PRC-74s were issued to field units. This set 30 transceiver 31 was an improved light weight SSB / which was to serve as an interim item between the AN/GRC-109 and the developmental AN/PRC-70.

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Danang The C&C Detachment at / received 131 of the new, miniature 2 FM squad radios, 4N/PPT-4 and 4N/PPR-9, for the PRAIRIE FIRE 3 These radios were to be used for air to ground as well as intrapteam communications. <u>5</u> (T8) SIGNAL PLANS 6 1.(78) In 1967, all agent teams in NVN were queried as to whether <u>7</u> or not they held the GADAZ signal plans at their locations. As 8 a result of this query, it was discovered that many of the teams 9 had cached the plans in unsecure areas thus making activation of <u>10</u> GADAZ an impossibility. It was, therefore, determined that the <u>11</u> normally used signal plans for these agent teams would continue to <u>12</u> be employed and improved upon when any deficiencies became apparent. <u>13</u> 2.(75) When the SAAT program was discontinued and the STRATA 14 concept took its place, it was judged that the AN/PRC-74 radio was 15 most suitable for the STRATA teams. A signal plan was developed 16 in support of this equipment, and it was used between 17 the teams and the new STRATA base station established at Danang. 18 E. (PS) CRYPTOGRAPHY (NSA) 19 1./TS)Acting on MACSOG's request, the National Security Agency / 20 developed a special code to be employed in cross-border operations. 21 This code, the KAC-199, appeared to be both versatile and secure 22 when it went into effect in February 1967. After the code had 23 been put into use, it was discovered that it was extremely difficult 24 to use since the system was not categorized. A revised version, <u>25</u> categorized under subject headings, was introduced, and reports <u>26</u> from the field indicated that it was an improvement over the original <u>27</u> code. <u>28</u> 2.(T8) From the experience of developing locally produced codes and <u>29</u> suggesting revisions to the NSA developed KAC-199, a new code was 30 developed by SOG Communications to support STRATA. It was con-31 sidered, by MACSOG, that the code would be simple to use; enable a Vietnamese to pass messages verbally to English speaking persons; offer a method of making messages brief; and give a measure of

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1	3.(78) SOG Communications conceived another code, KAC-234. It	1
	was intended that this code, which was issued to the field	2
	for implementation in February 1968, would be used for rotating,	3
	on a daily basis, the call signs and personnel identifiers used	4
	on the SOG SSB net.*	<u>5</u>
	F. (TE) COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY	<u>6</u>
	1.(PS)Acting upon a request of Chief, MACSOG, the 101st Radio	7
	Research Company monitored and analyzed the SOG radio net in July	<u>8</u>
	1967 to determine what, if any, information of intelligence	<u>9</u>
	value could possibly be obtained by the enemy through intercept	10
	and analysis of traffic on the net. Following the analysis,	<u>11</u>
	it was pointed out by the communications security activity that	12
	security and discipline on the radio net was extremely loose,	13
	and that the circuit provided an excellent source of information	14
	for possible exploitation by the enemy.	15
	2.(TS)As a result of this security check, several actions were	<u>16</u>
	taken by MACSOG to improve communications security. These actions	<u>17</u>
	included the rotations of call signs on a daily basis, implementation	on T
	of an authentication system, and the stressing of the proper use	30
	of operational codes.**	20 21
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-	(75) Appendix VIII to Annex G, 1967 COMUSMACV Command History	27
يرا ر	(C) MACSOG Directive Number 105-6 of 9 Sep 1967.	28
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PART VI. 1968 HISTORY	
A. (DE) OPERATIONS	3
1.(78) MACSOG communications activities continued to expand in	
1968. A significant factor in this expansion was the establish-	4
ment of STRATA FOBs at Danang and the NAD FOB at Phan Thiet.	
2.(TS)To accommodate the increasing cross-border operations, the	•
MACSOG SSB net was divided, with Net A being dedicated to	3
PRAIRIE FIRE and Net B to DANIEL BOONE operations. Communications	5
support for these programs were similar, and a RATT net was establish	hed
linking Command and Control South (CCS) at Ban Me Thuot with	10
FOB-6 at Ho Ngoc Tau.	<u>11</u>
3.(PS)-As a result of the establishment of the STRATA Monkey	12
Mountain FOB (MMFOB) Communications Center at Danang in July 1968,	13
MACSOG began to receive more timely reports on STRATA missions.	14
B. (TS) FACILITIES AND CIRCUITRY	15
1.(TS) Upon relocation of MACSOG to MACV 1 Compound in January	<u>16</u>
1968, non-secure voice hot lines were installed between SOG	<u>17</u>
Headquarters, 1st Flight, CCN, Ho Ngoc Tao, and Nakhon Phanom.	18
2.(75) In February, a separate SSB net between CCS and MACSOG	19
was established which eliminated an overload problem on the	20
Command and Control North (CCN) net.	21
3.(PS) In July, MMFOB at Danang was added to the TTY circuit as a	22
multi-point extension. This circuit then tied MACSOG Headquarters	<u>23</u>
with CCN, NAD, and MMFOB, Danang.	24
4.(78) In September, a secure, dedicated TTV circuit was activated	<u>25</u>
between the MACSOG Communications Center and CCN which provided an	<u>26</u>
alternate traffic route to the Danang area.	<u>27</u>
5.(T8) In December, when psychological operations on Cu Lac Char	28
Island were discontinued, the RATT circuit between that activity	<u>29</u>
and NAD, Danang was deactivated.	30
6.(PŠ)All / MACSOG field units received Terminal Telegraph(TH-5)	31
equipment during this period. This equipment made it possible to	
use a voice hotlire to pass teletype traffic which could serve as a	
backup circuit.	
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7. (TS) The CCN RATT net was extended to include Nakhon Phanor	Ī
In December 1360.	2
8. (TS) The RATT circuit between CCS and its FOB was established	<u>3</u>
early in 1968. When CCS moved to Ban Me Thuot in July, voice	4
hotlines were established with FOB-6 at Ho Nhoc Tau and MACSOG	<u>5</u>
Headquarters.	<u>6</u>
9. (PS) A request was approved by COMUSMACV for TTY and voice	<u>7</u>
hot line circuits between MACSOG and Command and Control Central	<u>8</u>
(CCC) at Kontum. It was determined that the circuit activation	9
date would be 15 January 1969.	10
10. (T8) Action was initiated to validate CCN, CCC, CCS, NAD	<u>11</u>
MMFOB, Air Operations Group, and the Joint Translation Center as	12
Secure Voice Systems, KY-3 (AUTOSEVCOM) subscribers.	13
C. (PS) EQUIPMENT	14
MACSOG received 80 KY-38 FM secure voice units in 1968. This	<u>15</u>
equipment, which operated in conjunction with the PRC-77, were	<u>16</u>
distributed to field units. They were to be used by PRAIRIE FIRE	17
and DANIEL BOONE teams to communicate between FOBs, launch sites	<u>18</u>
and radio relay points.	<u>19</u>
D. (Tes) SIGNAL PLANS	<u>20</u>
In order to occupy the enemy in looking for an agent team	<u>21</u>
that did not exist in NVN, a diversionary tactic was initiated in	22
October 1968, whereby a non-existent agent team in NVN was supplied	<u>23</u>
with all the equipment a regular team would have. A realistic signa	
plan, including crystals, crypto pads and contact schedules for	<u>25</u>
this diversionary unit was developed that was similar to the	<u>26</u>
existing signal plans. This signal packet was included in the	<u>27</u>
resupply bundle for the notional teams.	28
E. (TE) CRYPTOGRAPHY	29
1. (AS) A new MACSOG personnel code, KAC 234, was issued to	<u>30</u>
the field for use on radio nets, voice hotlines and conventional	<u>31</u>
telephones. The code was initially developed as a personnel code	<u>32</u>
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but was expanded to include locations of MACSOG activities,	<u>1</u>
aircraft, and the identification of routine reports.	2
2. (TS) In late December, a new STRATA code, ADAC-278, arrived	3
in country. It was planned that this code, which was a combined	4
brevity code and a one time code printed and cross-indexed in	<u>5</u>
Vietnamese and English, would replace the locally produced code	<u>6</u>
that was then in use by the STRATA teams.*	2
F. (TS) WIRE TAPPING	8
1. (TS) As a means of enhancing the intelligence collection	9
effort, wire tapping operations were introduced into MACSOG	10
operations in 1968. In an operation plan, Chief MACSOG provided	11
the essential information for the integration of wire tap	12
procedures with PRAIRIE FIRE, DANIEL BOONE, STRATA, and Maritime	<u>13</u>
action team operational missions.	14
2. (PS) The concept of operations in the plan called for the	<u>15</u>
cross-border teams to be equipped with the MS-1 electronics devices	<u>16</u>
and to conduct wire taps of active enemy communications (wire)	<u>17</u>
when feasible within designated operational areas. When semi-	18
permanent communications installations had been located, it was	<u>19</u>
directed that the more sophisticated device, XR4-100, would be	<u>20</u>
introduced into the operational area by selected teams to	<u>21</u>
continue wire tap monitoring for extended periods.**	22
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* (8) Appendix F to Appex F COMUSMACH 1069 Commend Hard	27
* (E) Appendix F to Annex F, COMUSMACV 1968 Command History (PS) MACSOG OPLAN 37A-68 (TOTEM POLE) (U) dtd 23 Jan 68	28
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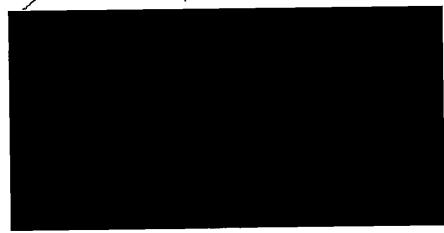
TOP SECRET PART VII. 1969 HISTORY (TS) **GENERAL** Late in 1968, MACSOG published up-to-date communications and electronics instructions which codified the administrative and operational concepts of MACSOG communications publication provides a concise description of MACSOG communication activities in the beginning of 1969, the more significant sections of these instructions are set forth below. (DS) Communications Concept "The basic concept of SOG Communications is to provide a secure, reliable chain of command from Chief, SOG to each of his subordinate commanders. The basic concept is met 10 in the following manner. 11 a. "A secure, didicated, simplex, 60 wpm teletype circuit from SOG Headquarters via a tropo path to First Flight 12 Detachment at Nha Trang. 13 b. "A secure, dedicated, simplex, 60 wpm, teletype circuit from SOG Headquarters via a tropo path to C&C North at 14 Danang. (Marble Mountain) 15 c. "A secure, dedicated, simplex, 60 wpm, multipoint teletype circuit from SOG Headquarters via a tropo path to 16 NAD and MMFOB, Danang. <u>17</u> d. "A secure, dedicated, duplex, 60 wpm teletype circuit to MACV Headquarters via cable through Saigon Tech Control 18 and Gia Dinh Tech Control. 19 e. "A secure, dedicated, simplex, 60 wpm teletype circuit 20 via tropo path and TRC-24 to C&C South at Ban Me Thuot. f. "A secure, dedicated, simplex, 60 wpm teletype circuit via tropo to FOB and Launch Site at Nakhon Phanom, Thailand. 21 22 g. "A secure, dedicated, simplex, 60 wpm teletype circuit via tropo to CCC at Kontum. $\,$ 23 <u>24</u> h. "An unsecure, single sideband voice network is used as a backup for the nets noted above. In addition, all PRAIRIE FIRE(C) FOBs and Launch Sites and the training camp at Long 25 Thanh are members of this voice network. This is protected 26 by use of KAC-234, KAC-199 and KAC-140. "Unsecure telephone voice hotlines to CCN, CCC, NAD/ 27 MMFOB, CCS, 1st Flight and Nakhon Phanom. All of the above 28 except CCS have the capability of passing teletype in the event a regular circuit is out by using a voice frequency <u>29</u> telegraph terminal TH-5.

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2. (TS/"Additional communications concerts essential to the successful conduct of SOG operational missions.



c. "C&C North, Danang RTT Net. A secure, joint, mobile radio teletype net between C&C North, FOBs and Launch Sites. This provides maximum security to sensitive operations.

- d. "Intelligence reports from Phoenix/Dodo. A secure radio teletype circuit between Phoenix/Dodo and the Naval Advisory Detachment, Danang was activated on 15 January 1967 in order that intelligence reports could be ralayed to Chief, SOG in a timely manner." *
- 3. (PS) Figure <u>G-l</u> is a simplified diagram of the MACSOG communications network.

C. (TS) PERSONNEL

- 1. (TS) "Personnel for SOG communications are assigned in accordance with the current Joint Table of Distribution (JTD) for the Studies and Observations Group, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam.
- 2. (PS) "The JTD is reviewed semi-annually at which time recommended changes are made by branch chiefs for SOG Head-quarters and by detachment heads for their detachments.
- 3. (T8) "Personnel assigned to CCN, CCC and CCS are controlled by the 5th SFG, Nha Trang and, therefore, do not appear on the SOG JTD. Personnel assigned to Air Ops Group are controlled by 7th Air Force." *

* (TS) MACSOG Communications-Electronic Instructions, dated 21 November 1968

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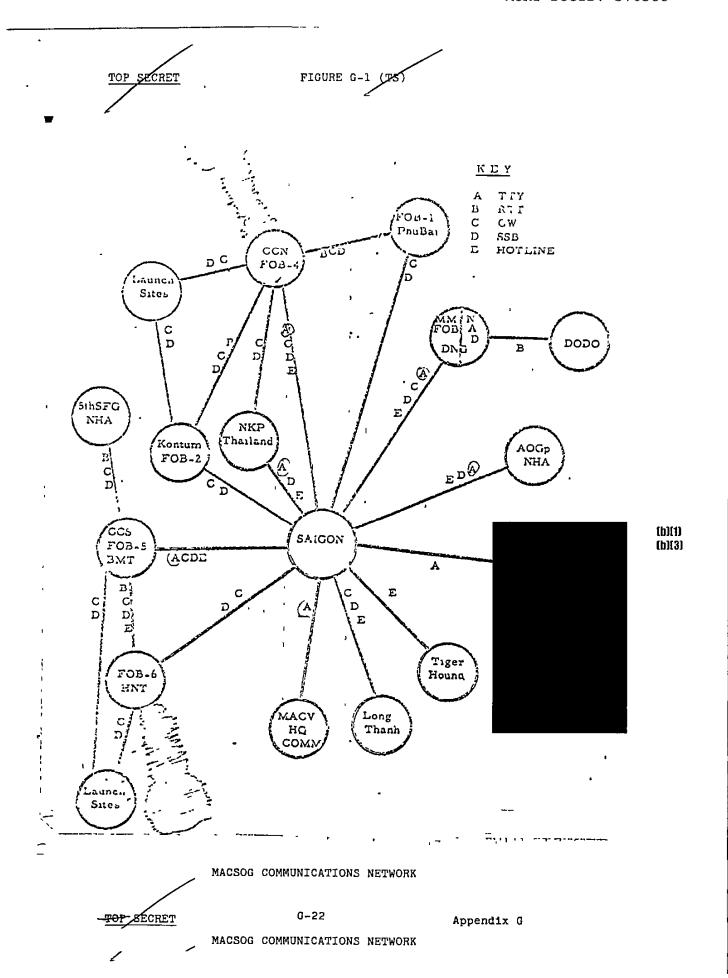
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Were use	d by various MAC	SOG activities	in 1969.		2			
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USKAC-19		USKAC-234* KAA-SERIES	USKAC-234* KAA-SERIES	USKAC-23* KAA-SERIES	<u>5</u>			
KAA-SERII VL-OTP		XY-OTP	KAC-140		<u>6</u>			
TO-UV TO-YX TO-WW	VL-OTP	ADAC-278	ADAC-278 (Draws fm CCN)					
, ww=O11	XY-OTP WW-OTP				8			
<u>CLT</u>	AOG	_	HQ		9			
USKAC-234 KAA-SERII		USKAC-199* KAA-SERIES			10			
KAC-140	VL-OTP		(All Sections)		<u>11</u>			
		XY-OTP (Rac	11o/OP-34)		12			
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	USKAC-199 (SOG	Operations Cod	le - 14 register used throughout	s)	16 17			
8 copies available to SOG) AKAC-125 (USAF Operations Code [Pacific Area] -								
l register available to SOG) AKAC-132 (USN Operations Code [Pacific Area] -								
l register available to SOG) VL-OTP (One Time Pad - 2 register)								
XY-OTP (One Time Pad - 3 register) WW-OTP (One Time Pad - 7 register)								
3. (AS) "	above items do n	ot include TT	kavlieta VV.20	leavel dash a	21 22			
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TOP SECRET (TS) SECURE VOICE SYSTEMS 1 1. (TS) "SOG Headquarters has the following Secure Voice System, KY-3 (AUTOSEVOCOM). 2 3 a. "DUDV_KUM-6. Located in OP-32 (OCC) with an extension in OP-35. 4 5 b. "DUDV SJV-6. Located in OP-80 (JPRC) with an extension in room 300 (Chief, SOG). 6 2. (FS) "In addition to the KY-3, Det 14, 30th Weather Squadron has a secure voice telephone (KY-1) to the 7th Air Force COC, Tan Son Nhut, to circuit SJV-6."* 2 9 G. (DS) PREQUENCIES 1. (TS) The area frequency coordinator is MACV (J-6). However, due to the many Vietnamese and US civilian and military users, frequency coordination is almost an impossibility. Where 10 11 frequencies are not specifically assigned for SOG use, they are 12 selected and used on a non-interference basis. <u>13</u> ·5·} 14 15 16 <u>17</u> 18 3. (Ts) "The following frequencies have been permanently 19 assigned to SOG by the MAC J-6 frequency coordinator. 20 21 22 <u>23</u> 24 25 26 27 28 29 <u> 30</u> 31 G-24

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a.	"HF Frequencies			1
	Frequency	Emmission	Location	4
	3156.5(3155)* 3493(3494.5)*	3A3J 1.1F1 3A3J	123 CTZ 1 CTZ All CTZ	<u>3</u>
	3536.5(3535)* 3541.5(3540)* 3118	1.1F1/3A3J 3A9J 6A9B	1 CTZ RVN RVN	<u>-</u> 5
	4005* 4255	1.1F1 A1	1 CTZ 1 CTZ	<u>6</u>
	4295*	A1	1 CTZ	<u>7</u>
	4518.5(4517)* 4900	3A3J Al	1 CTZ 1 CTZ	<u>8</u>
	4928.5(4927) 5407.5(5407) 5500	3A9J 3A3J 1.1F1	NKP, Thai 1 CTZ 1 CTZ	<u>9</u>
	5521*	CW	Air/Ground	<u>10</u>
	5715(5721.5)* 6797.5(6796) 6920(6926.5)	3A3J 3A9J 3A3J	123 CTZ NKP, Thai 123 CTZ	11
	7051.5(7050)*	3A3J	NKP, Thai	12
	7323.5(7321)* 7425	3A3J 6A9B	RVN RVN	<u>13</u>
	7620.5(7619) 7678.5(7677)* 7943	3A3J 3A9J 1.1F1	RVN NKP, Thai RVN	14
	8218.5(8217)	3A3J	1 CT2	<u>15</u>
	9043* 9145(9151.5)*	1.1F1 3A3J	DNG 123 CTZ	16
	10021* 10100*	CW 6A9B	Air/Ground 2 CTZ	<u>17</u>
	10121.5(10120) 10142.5(10141)	3A3J 3A3J	1 CTZ 3 & 4 CTZ 1 CTZ	18
	10891.5(10890) 12700*	ŠAŠĴ C₩	Î CTZ 1 CTZ	<u>19</u>
	12885.5(12884)*	3A3J	1 CTZ	20
	14651.5(14650) 14961.5(14960)*	3A3J 3A3J	1 CTZ 3 & 4 CTZ 1 CTZ	21
	15711.5(15710)* 16556.5(16555)	3A3J 3A3J	1 CTZ 1 CTZ	22
ъ.	"VHF Frequencies			23
	61.850	30F3	BEARCAT	
	63.950	30F3	BEARCAT	24
	119.8 138.3	6A3 3F2	SGN/A/G/A AIR	<u>25</u>
	228.3 247.9	80F3 80F3	DNG DNG	26
	259.3 259.4	80F3 80F3	DNG DNG	<u>27</u>
c.	"UHF Frequencies			<u>28</u>
- •	336.9	6A3	Long Thanh	29
	360.6	6A3	1 & 2 CTZ	30
	366.6	6A3	1 & 2 CTZ."**	31
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^{* (}U) TABOO frequencies.
** (TS) MACSOG Communications-Electronics Instructions, dated
21 November 1908.

^{** (}PS) MACSOG Communications_Electronics Instructions. dated TOP SECRET Appendix G

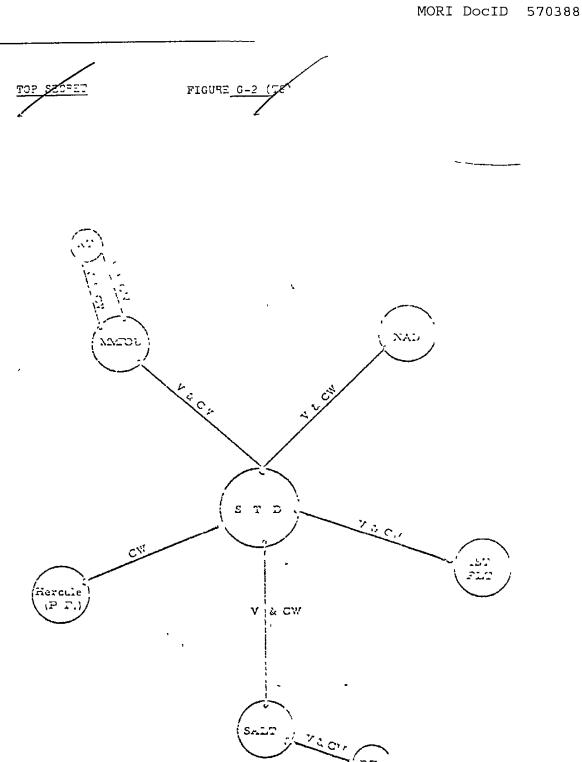
CODEWORDS 1 15) "the codeword TlGLh refers to operations conducted under OPLAN-34A and is considered SECRET. (b)(1) 3 (6)(3) 4 The codeword TIGER is used in OPLAN-34A messages originated by <u>5</u> MACV or CINCPAC to JCS. The codeword DRAGON is used in OPLAN-34A messages originated by DOD, JCS to MACV (SOG), and CINCPAC. TIGER indicates limited distribution (LIMDIS) of messages which concern OPLAN-34A operations and is used both in common user and sole user circuits. (Local "codewords" to indicated limited 2 distribution of OPLAN-34A messages alternatively routed to 8 NAVAD V DET Danang and 1st Flt Det, Nha Trang, 1.e., TOMCAT and PUSSYCAT respectively, have been cancelled as being unnecessary.) Alternately routed messages referring to OPLAN-34A operations are designated LIMDIS TIGER like all other OPLAN-34A messages. 10 (b)(1) 11 (b)(d) 12 13 14 15 CALL SIGNS 16 (b)(1) (p)(3) <u>17</u> 18 19 2. (MS) "SOG C-123 aircraft, for administrative communications, 20 use a two-letter call sign beginning with "W", i.e., WHISKEY ALPHA, WHISKEY FOXTROT. 21 [b][1] 22 (P)[3) 23 <u>24</u> 4. (AS) Tab I contains an alphabetical list of codewords, 25 nicknames and call signs that were in use during 1968-1969. 26 J. (PS) LOGISTICS 27 (TS) "Logistic support for SOG communications is the/ bility of the SOG Logistics Division which requisitions material 28 through the Counterinsurgency Support Office (CISO), Okinawa. Crystals ordered through CISO take six to 11 months to procure. 29 (b)(1) 30 (b)(3) 2. (AS) "Requests for communication equipment from the Communications Officer, Strategic Technical Directorate (STD) are submitted via the SOG Communications Officer for approval or disapproval. This includes requisitions for communication training equipment at Long Thanh Training Camp and for STD radio stations.* TSY MACSOG Communications-Electronic Instructions, dated 21 November 1968. SECRET Appendix G stations. *

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K. (TS) SPECIAL STUDIES	<u>1</u>	
1. (28) "SOC formunications Branch monitors the communication	<u>2</u>	
training of agent team, boat and aircraft radio operators by means of training schedules submitted by STD and Airborne	<u>3</u>	
Operations, discrepancy reports and visits to SOG elements. Direct responsibility for communication	<u>4</u>	(b)(1)
training is as follows:	<u>5</u>	(b)(3)
a. "Agent Teams. Vietnamese instructors at Long		
Thanh Training Camp.	<u>6</u>	
b. "Boat Radio Operators. Initially by instructors at Long Thanh Training Camp. However, since these personnel	<u>7</u>	
are seldom replaced, refresher training is conducted between	<u>8</u>	
MAROPS missions by NAVADVDET Danang communications personnel. This training is based on the MAROPS signal plan, good	· <u>9</u>	
communications practices and operator discrepancies as reported in contact reports	10	(b)(1)
c. "Alreraft Radio .	11	(b)[3]
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signal plan, good communication practices and operator	13	
discrepancies as reported in contact reports	_	(6.164)
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3. (TS) "The Communication Officer, STD supervises and monitors	22	
the training of agent team radio operators at Long Thanh and submits plans of instruction (POI), training schedules, rosters	23	
of students, and reports of results of training to Chief, OP-34.	24	
4. (45) "Short-range radio operator training is conducted		(b)(1)
between the trainees at Long Thanh.	25	(p)(3)
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L. (PS) COUNTERPART COMMUNICATIONS	29	
1. (PS) In order to obtain data regarding existing Vietnamese	<u>30</u>	
counterpart communication networks, equipment being employed,	31	
and adequacy of equipment available to satisfy communication		
* (PS) MACSC3 Communications-Electronic Instructions, dated 21 November 1968.		

requirements, one impose communications material strictly in	<u></u>
July 1969, visited the communications sites supporting the	=
STD and blaison Service, ARVN.	<u>3</u>
2. (78) Upon completion of this visit, it was determined that	4
a. Two separate radio networks are maintained. The	<u>5</u>
first is a logistics/administrative net which links STD	<u>6</u>
with its distant terminals (see Figure $G-2$). The second	7
is a command/control/operations net which links the Liaison	8
Service with the Command and Control Sites (see Figure $G-3$).	. <u>9</u>
b. The STD met predominantly employs the AN/FRC-93 at	<u>10</u>
its Saigon Headquarters, while the AN/PRC-74 equipment is	11
used at distant terminals. The Laision Service uses the	<u>13</u>
PRC-74 and the GRC-106 as basic radios.	<u>13</u>
b. These two nets appear to satisfy counterpart require-	<u>L4</u>
ments through the use of voice and CW, off-line encrypted	<u>LS</u>
with KAC codes and one-time pads where appropriate.*	<u>16</u>
M. (FS) COMMUNICATIONS STUDY	<u>17</u>
1. (PS) The MACSOC communications officer conducted a compre-	<u>18</u>
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communications facilities in early 1969. As a result of this	20
study, he determined that:	<u>21</u>
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maintenance personnel with uncommonly varied training and experience.	24
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obsolescent and requires an inordinate amount of maintenance.	<u>26</u>
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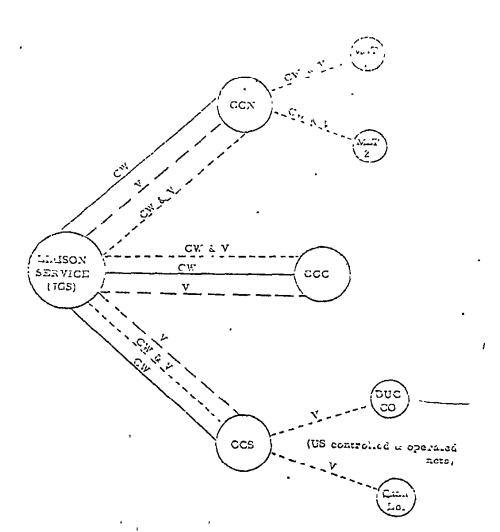
^{* (}PS) MACSOG Communications Material Officer letter of 21 July 1969; Subject: "Trip Report, STD Communications Sites."



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(2) "Procurement of 150 AN/PRC-90s has been approved 13 by the Department of the Army. The PRC-90 is a 2-channel	
plus emergency beacon lightweight set with ear phone that 14 should replace URC-10, RT-10, HT-1 and PRT-4/PRR-9 for	4
intra-team comm and the AN/PRC-41 as back up air/ground 15 radio.	
(3) "AN/PRC-77 are being issued in lieu of AN/	_
PRC-25.	<u>7</u>
(4) AN/PRC-64 (lightweight CW and voice set designed 18 for U/W) is receiving little use now but should be	_
retained in inventory for intermediate range (beyond range of PRC-77 but not requiring PRC-74) operations.	9
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(5) "AN/PRC-74s are used tactically for long-range operations (particularly STRATA) and also as backup for 21	<u>1</u>
SOG SSB voice net and as voice/CW backup for launch site to C&C RATT. PRC-74 should be retained in inventory.	<u>2</u>
b. Command and Control Communications Equipment 23	<u>3</u>
(1) "At this time there are no reliable, secure, 24	4
rapid communications between launch sites and C&Cs. In one instance, CCC to Dat To, a strong secure voice link	5
can be established as soon as a small generator can be procured to furnish power. At other sites, greater	<u>5</u>
distances involved require secure, radio teletype (RATT) 27 communications. Equipment on hand is old, unreliable	<u> </u>
and continually drifts off frequency. Stable (drift free) equipment is required for secure RATT circuits.	3
(2) "Most teletype equipment in C&C communication 29)
centers is worn and obsolescent. Replacement with AN/FGC-25X, which is standard equipment for most Army	<u>)</u>
units in Vietnam, will greatly reduce maintenance and spare parts support problems	

* (8) Director, MACSOG-60 letter of 29 May 1969; Subject. "Communications Requirements for Command and Control Detachments."

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(3)"Standardization of equipment as reflected in (Figure 6-4) for which additional inventories should be procured, will necessitate the expenditure of approximately \$426,800 as follows.

Quantity	Nomenclature	FSN	Total Cost		
24	AN/FGC-25X	5815-619-5644	\$ 85,000		
6	AN/GRC-106	5810-082-3491	43,800		
12	MD-522/GRC	5815/999-5277	60,000		
4	AN/GRC-1422/	5820-788-4515	238,000		

a/ Modified by substituting AN/FGC-25X as teletype equipment.

c. Maintenance

- (1) "Standardization of equipment as reflected in and ease the burden of technicians, who will be required to attain expertise in far fewer equipments.
- (2)"CCC and CCS will acquire additional maintenance capabilities in July when each will receive a Filipino radio repairman and a teletype repairman.
- (3) The maintenance capability at each C&C will be considerably enhanced upon procurement of test equipment contained in Figure $\underline{G-5}$). **
- 3. (T%) To alleviate the communications problem a C&C Detachments, certain recommendations were made to Chief, MACSOG. The recommendations, which were subsequently approved are listed as follows
 - a. "That SOG Logistics Officer procure the equipment specified in paragraph (b(2)(c)) above for replacement of obsolescent equipment.
 - b. "Upon receipt of AN/PRC-90, C&C Detachment turn in all obsolete tactical radios.
 - $^{\text{C.}}$ "That C&C Detachments retain only those HT-1 radios required for camp defense.
 - d. "That the C&C Detachments turn in all PRT-4/PRR-9 squad radios to Saigon for turn-in to depot for credit.
 - e. "That SOG Logistic Officer procure test equipment contained in (Figure G-5) less what is currently held.
- 4. (28) In the course of the survey of the C&C Detachment facilities, their communications networks were delineated and are reproduced in Figures 6-6 6-7and 6-9.

Director, MACSOG-60 Letter of 29 May 1969, Subject.



FIGURE G-4 (25)
RECOMENDED COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT LIST (25)

	CCN	ccs	ccc	Total
Fixed Station				
AN/FGC-25X	13	7	4	24
AN/FGC-58x	-	_	_	-
AN/GRC-106	6	4	2	12
MD-522/GRC	6	4	2	12
AN/GRC-142	2	2	-	ц
AN/FRC-93	8	6	3	17
AN/PRC-74B	7	5	6	18
RT-524 (7	6	8	21
Team Radio				
PRC-77	60	60	60	180
PRC-25	_	-	-	- 1
PRC-90	60	60	60	180
PRC-64	15	15	15	45
PRC-74B	10	, 5	5	20

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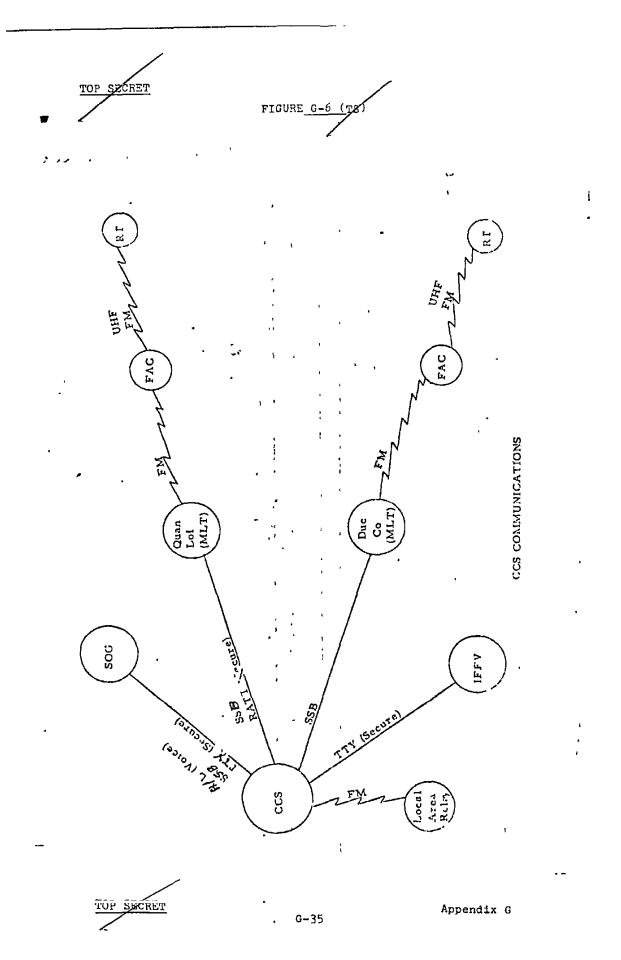
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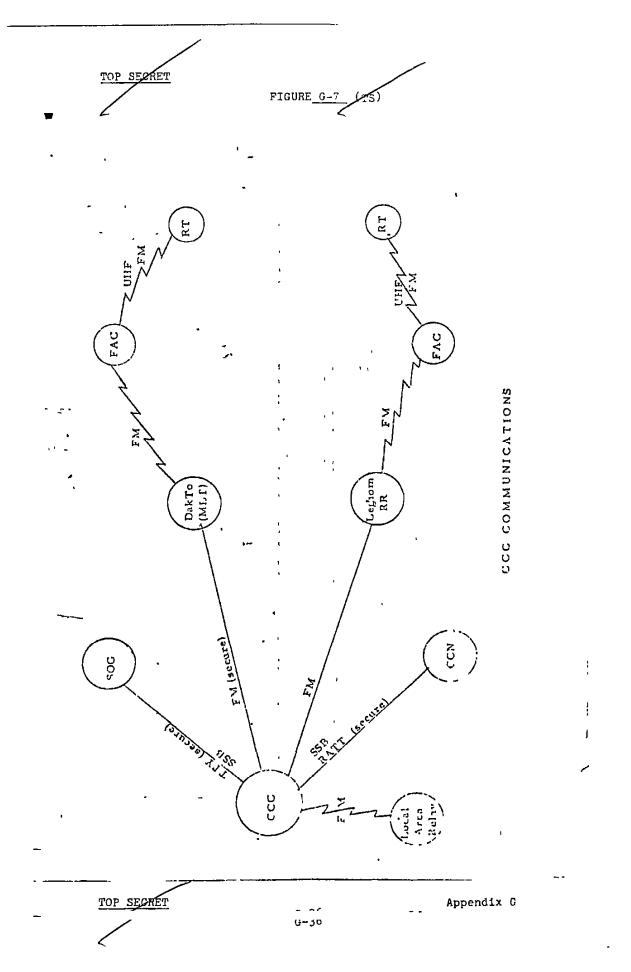
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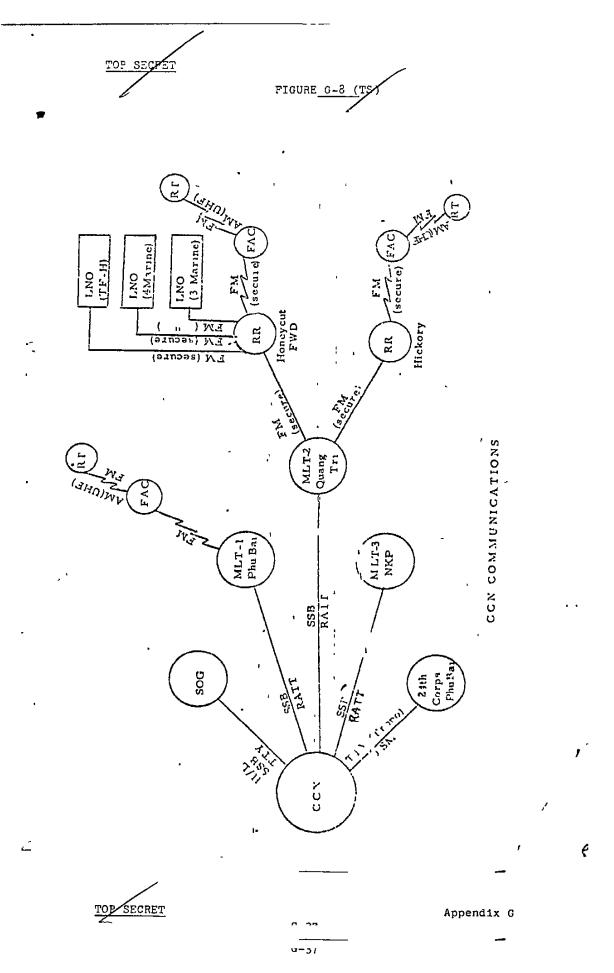
RECOMMENDED TEST EQUIPMENT LIST (78)

	CCN	ccs	CCC	Total
Oscilloscope (AN/USM-140A)	ı	ı	1	3
Signal Generator, RF				
SG/URM-25D (AM) AN/URM-48 (FM)	1	1	1	3 3
Audio Generator, HP 200CD	1	1	1	3
Multimeter, TS-352 B/U	1	1	1	3
Vacumn Tube Volt Meter				
ME-26 ME-30/U (RF)	1	l 1	ì	3 3
Frequency Counter, AN/USM-207	1	1	1	3
Tube Tester, TF-2/U	1	1	1	3
Transistor Test Set, TS-1836 B/U	1	ı	1	3
Capacitor, Analyzer, ZM-73 A/U	1	ı	1	3
Wattmeter, AN-URM-120	1	1	1	3
Dummy Load, DA-75/U	1	1	1	3
Teletype Test Set, AN/UGM-1	1	1	1	3

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N. (MS) TACTICAL RADIO EQUIPMENT	1
i. (78) as a means of improving recommatisance team	2
communications, Chief, MACSOG, in June 1969, submitted a	3
material requirement to COMUSMACV for a secure, short-range	4
tactical communications system capable of operating in the	<u>5</u>
VHF range (30-72 MHZ). The overall weight of the system	<u>6</u>
desired would not exceed 20 pounds including the security	7
device, radio and power supply. In submitting this request,	<u>8</u>
It was noted that reconnaissance teams had been comprimised	9
in the past by the enemy monitoring unsecure tactical nets	<u>10</u>
and currently available equipment was not extensively	11
utilized due to its excessive weight.*	12
2. (75) Data on the primary tactical radio equipment used	13
by MACSOG field units in 1969 is given below.	14
a. RS-1 (AN/GRC-109) provides reliable medium and	<u>15</u>
long-range communications over a wide range of climatic	<u>16</u>
conditions in a portable package.	<u>17</u>
(1) Power. 12 watts.	<u>18</u>
(2) Frequency Range. Transmit, 3-22 MHZ; receive, 3-24 (3, Weignt. 80 pounds. (Includes transmitter, receiver,	
power supply, and hand crank gererator) b. AN/PRC-74 is a low-powered/transistorized, single	20
medium range sideband radio for voice or CW communications.	21
(₁) <u>Power</u> . 15 watts.	22
(2) Frequency Range. 2-12 MHZ. (3) Weight. 30 pounds.	<u>23</u>
c. AN/PRC-25 and AN/PRC-77 are standard back pack	24
tactical VHF FM radios. The basic difference is that the	25
PRC-77 is configured to be used with the KY-38 speech	<u>26</u>
security device.	<u>27</u>
(1) Power. 2 watts.	28
(2) Frequency Range. 30-75.95 MHZ. (3) Weight	<u>29</u>
1. PRC-25. 23.5 pounds.	30
2. PRC-77. 42 pounds. (with KY-38)	31

* (a) Chief, MACSOG Letter of 6 June 1969, Subject. "ENSURE Request."

^{* (0)} Chief, MACSOG Letter of 6 June 1969. Subject. "ENSURE Request."

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tor	ne l	eacon	sign	al c	n on	e pre	-set	UHF	frequ	ency.			

(1) Power 200 milli-watts (2) Frequency Range. 240-260 MHZ (3) Weight. 27 ounces

<u>3</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u> 8 <u>9</u> 10 <u>11</u> <u>12</u> 13 14 <u>15</u> 16 <u>17</u> 18 <u>19</u> <u>20</u> 21 22 <u>23</u> 24 <u>25</u> <u>26</u> <u>27</u> 28 <u>29</u> <u>30</u> <u>31</u>

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CODEWORDS, NICKMAN'ES AND CALL SIGHS (0)

ALLEY CAT. . . . Call sign of ABCCC at night (DMZ, Laos,

BARREL ROLL area)

ALASKA Thu Duc

ARC LIGHT. . . . B-52 Strike

ARIZONA.... Cambodia

BARRELL ROLL . . Northwest area of Laos

BLUE EAGLE . . . EC-121 flying PSYOP missions out of

Danang/Saigon

BORDEN(C). . . Diversionary program in NVN (TSLD)

BRIGHAM. Call sign for GCI at Udorn AFB, Thailand

BRIGHT LIGHT . . JPRC recovery mission

BROWN ANCHOR . KC-135 refueling tracks (also RED, WHITE, BLUE, TAN and GREENO

CADO Maritime intelligence, PSYOP and/or cross

beach mission

CALIFORNIA . . . Russia

CANDLES. . . . Radio tapes

COLD TURKEY . . PSYOPS material (leaflets, gift kits,

radios)

COMBAT SPEAR . . 15th Air Commando Squadron, C-130s

COMMANDO HUNT . 7th Air Force Program for enemy interdiction into Laos (78)

COVEY. Call sign for TIGERHOUND Forward Air Controller (FAC)

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CFACAER BOX. . . C-123 or C-134 assigned to SOG

CRICTET. Call sign of ABCCC during day (STEEL TIGER/BARRELL ROLL

DIAMOND HEAD . . Use of people sniffers

DUFFEL BAG . . . Employment of DCPG resources in Southeast

Asia for purposes other than to impede

infiltration from NVA to SVN

 Air supported antipersonnel sub-system of IGLOO WHITE Program DUMP TRUCK .

DUST COVER . . . Modular transportable sensor data collection

and processing system

DUEL BLADE . . . Ground obstacle system to impete infiltra-

tion in IGLOO WHITE Program

EGGS Gift kits

ELDEST SON . . . Contaminated ammunition program (TSLD)

ELPASO COMUSMACY OPLAN for overt ground operations

across Route 9 in Laos

FOOTBOY(C) . . . SOG operations in NVH (TSED)

FORAE(C) Project associated with the diversionary

program in NVN (TSED)

HAILSTONES . . . M-4A resupply containers

HAWAII Camp Long Thanh

HEAVY HOOK . . . SOG C-123s

HEAVY MOW. . . . Two of the above C-123s on loan from the

HILLSBORO. . . . (C-130) an Airborne Command Control Center which directs both FAC (O-1E) and high

performance aircraft during daylight hours.

HUMIDOR(C) . . . PSYOPS Program under FOOTBOY(C) (TSED)

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LCL CUDES. . . Leaflets

IGLOO WHITE. . . DCPG sponsored anti-infiltration program

INSISTENCE(S). . HACSOG maritime operations in coordination with MARKET TIME to crevent infiltration by sea into SVN

INVERT Call sign of GCI radar at NKP, Thailand

IRON HAND. . . . Anti-SAM missions

IVORY TRUNK. . . Use of elephants

JELLY BEANS. . . Mail

MAINE Communist China

MIDRIFF(C) . . . Air operations in support of FOOTBOY(2)(TSLD)

MUD RIVER. . . . Air supported antivehicular sub-system of the IGLOO WHITE Program

MUSTARD FLANK. . Call sign for VHF radio located in OP-32.

MINT SOG maritime interdiction mission

NEW YORK . . . North Vietnam

NICKLE STEEL . . SOG operations in the DMZ (TSLD)

OODLES(C). . . Project associated with the diversionary

program in NVN (TSLD)

PANAMA Call sign for GCI radar at Danang AFB.

PARADISE . . . Cu Lao Cham Island (TSED)

PARBOIL(C) . . . Maritime operations in support of FOOTBOY(O)

(TSLD)

PARFAIT(C) . . . FOODBOY(C) SSPL pseudo organization in NVN

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PEANUTS. . . . Radios

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POLLACK(C) . . . Project associated with the diversionary program in NVk (TSLP)

PRAIFIE FIRE(C). Cross-border operations into Laos (TSLD)

PROJECT ATHENS . COMUSHACV operation to cut Route 110 in Laos

PROJECT BUFFALO. COMUSMACV operation to cut Route 547 in the Ashau Valley

PROJECT JENNY. . Airborne (EC-121) propaganda broadcasts

ROLLING THUNDER.. Area in NVN North of Tally Ho area

SALEM HOUSE. . . Cross-border operations into Cambodia (TSED)

SANITARIES(C). . Project associated with the diversionary program in NVN (TSLD)

SOAP CHIPS . . . PSYOPS booklets

STEEL TIGER. . . Panhandle area of Laos

TAR HEELS . . . Incapacitating gas

TALLY HO . . . Area extending from southern border of DMZ to the southern border of Route Package One

TEAR DROPS . . . Commodities for the Ho Chi Minh Trail

THUNDER CLOUD. . PW snatch missions in Laos/Cambodia

TIGER HOUND. . .

TIMBERWORK(C). . Hirdorne operations in su port of FOOTBOY(C)
(TSLD)

TOTEM POLE . . . Wire tap missions

TREAT. In-country black propaganda

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rroject associated its the diversionary program in NVN (TSLD)

WATERBOY

Call sign for the CCI ragar a Tong Ha, RVN

WILD WEASEL

Aircraft employing electronic detection equipment used to detect and destroy SAM

sites

YOUNG TIGERS

SAC program for re-locating KC-135s to Taiwan in support of an increased B-52

effort

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